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SYMPOSIUM

2014

In association with



South of Scotland Wildlife Hospital

Saturday 18TH & Sunday 19th October

SRUC Barony Campus, Parkgate, Dumfries, DG1 3NE

A word from the Chair

I hope you enjoyed reading our Summer 2014 edition of *The Rehabilitator* with details of this year's BWRC Symposium in association with South Of Scotland Wildlife Hospital at SRUC Barony Campus near Dumfries. If you need a reminder you can find the programme, booking form and other details in this mini-edition.

I count myself very fortunate this year because in August on holiday in the Lake District I was privileged to be able to observe one of the two surviving osprey chicks reared this year at Bassenthwaite Lake near Keswick. Chatting to Forestry Commission and RSPB staff and volunteers who assist visitors at the open air viewpoints in nearby Dodd Wood, I learned that the adult pair (a female known as KL and a male bird that has not been ringed) had hatched three eggs earlier this year, but that one of the three male chicks had died early on from an infection. The birds' activities were monitored by cameras above and to one side of the nest linked to screens at the Forestry Commission visitor centre at Whinlatter. The adult female rather curiously 'buried' the chick's body in their double-bed-sized nest of branches by covering it with grass - while very interesting behaviour, this was somewhat frustrating for the staff as they would have liked to recover the body and send it for post mortem examination!

Another chick (9A) survived the infection to fledge but hit a fence on an early flight and had to be recovered by a local farmer. When I learned that he has been sent to the Scottish SPCA's National Wildlife Rescue Centre near Stirling I smiled to myself – knowing that I might hear of his progress in the near future from one of this year's symposium speakers - Claire Fraser who works at the centre at Fishcross! Claire will be describing life during the first two years of the Scottish SPCA's new centre.

Extending our Symposium programme to one-and-a-half days for the first time this year has enabled to introduce a conference dinner in response to feedback from delegates at previous symposia who said they would like more opportunity to network with other delegates in this way. Barony Campus will provide us with the facilities to combine conference and more practical workshop style sessions over the weekend, as well as overnight accommodation in the student accommodation blocks, so we hope you'll join us for our conference dinner on the Saturday evening.

South of Scotland Wildlife Hospital have kindly organised evening entertainment from fabulous Scots bagpipe band '**Drums and Roses**'. Tickets will be on sale during the conference on Saturday or if you'd like to book in advance please contact South of Scotland Wildlife Hospital (see details later in this newsletter).

Read on to find more details of this year's Symposium and we hope to see you there! *(If you'd still like to book your places there is a booking form on the back page)*. If not, look out for the full Autumn 2014 edition of *The Rehabilitator* in November for proceedings of Symposium 2014.

Terri Amory
BWRC Chair

P.S. SRUC Barony Campus have full directions on their website: http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120392/barony_campus/1164/how_to_find_our_barony_campus with a link to a more detailed downloadable .pdf.



BWRC Symposium 2014

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2014

09.30 **Registration and Welcome to delegates**

10.00 **Morning session** (including a coffee break) –

Legal issues related to wildlife rehabilitation in veterinary practice

Michael Stanford MRCVS

Practicing wildlife rehabilitation within legal restrictions' *Liz*

Mullineux MRCVS Secret World Wildlife Rescue

'Save Scotland's Red Squirrels' Project. *Heinz Traut, Scottish Wildlife Trust*

Operation Meles –and the work of the charity Scottish Badgers *Ian Hutchison*

The first two years at Scottish SPCA National Wildlife Centre *Claire Fraser*

13.00 **LUNCH**

14.00 **Afternoon session** (including a tea break) –

Essentials of wildlife triage *Prof. Anna Meredith, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies*

Hedgehog Lungworm: some findings on pathology and treatment. *Simon Allen, Gower Bird Hospital*

Post-release survival of badger cubs *Adam Grogan, RSPCA*

Pesticides and wildlife *Elizabeth Sharp, Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture*

Experiences and initiatives from the Cape Wildlife Centre, Massachusetts *Dr Lynn Miller*

17.30 **Close** of Saturday presentations

18.30 DINNER (please ensure you purchase a ticket which includes Saturday dinner if you wish to partake!)

(The college bar will be open during and after dinner, and evening entertainment is being arranged).

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2014 – Workshop Sessions

At breakfast time - a secure room will be provided for luggage and sandwiches can ordered for lunch. Delegates will then be grouped and rotate through each workshop session – details will be provided at 9am.

09.00 **Meet and workshop arrangements - allocation of groups**

09.10 Workshop Session 1

10.00 (Change over)

10.10 Workshop Session 2

11.00 Morning coffee break

11.30 Workshop Session 3

12.20 Plenary & questions

12.30 **SYMPOSIUM CLOSE**

Workshop title	Demonstrator(s)
A. Post-mortem examinations	Molly Varga MRCVS, Cheshire Pet Medical Centre
B. Pesticides and wildlife persecution	Elizabeth Sharp, Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA)
C. Animal nursing practical	Liz Mullineux Secret World Wildlife Rescue

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**Saturday Evening Entertainment at BWRC
Symposium 2014**



Bagpipe Rock Band -

**DRUMS 'N'
ROSES**

(FOLLOWED BY A DISCO)



7.30 for 8pm

(bar closes midnight, event closes 12.30pm)

John Torrence Hall, Barony Campus

**Tickets: £7.50 per head (£5 for Symposium delegates)
available on the day or reserved in advance:**

Lisa.Stitt@henryschein.co.uk or

LeighAnn.Brady@SRUC.ac.uk.

The following payment options can be used:

- Cheques payable to the BWRC posted to *Anne Maskell, 20 Garlic Row, Cambridge CB5 8HW*
- Internet Banking to Sort Code – 54-41-26, Account No. 36290521 (Use your name as reference).
- Payment may also be made by debit /credit card via www.ottershop.co.uk.

HOWEVER YOU PAY, PLEASE ENSURE THAT A COMPLETED BOOKING FORM (SEE BACK PAGE) IS SENT TO annemaskell@gmail.com or Anne Maskell, 20 Garlic Row, Cambridge CB5 8HW.

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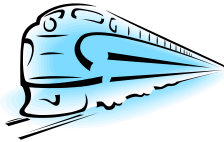
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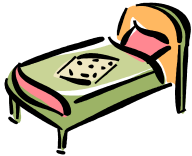
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We can provide lifts to-and-from Dumfries Railway Station – if you would like a lift please let us know when you book your symposium ticket!



Bed and breakfast is available on campus at Barony Campus (on a first come first serve basis – please contact Pearl Edgar on 01387 242910 or via pearl.edgar@sruc.ac.uk to make bookings):

- *Nith and Cree hostels - single study bedrooms with sinks and shared facilities (1:4). Each hostel has a common area with TV, kettle, fridge and toaster. £32 per person per night.*
- *Kirkmichael Hostel - single en-suite bedrooms (£35 per person per night) and twin en-suite bedrooms (£30 per person per night)*

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j.black@nhs.net; £10.00 per night,
Dogs allowed.

EVENING MEALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT BARONY CAMPUS ON FRIDAY 17TH. Please let us know in advance if you wish to purchase meals at the college other than those included in your ticket or room booking.

Orders for freshly made sandwiches can be made at breakfast on Sunday morning (at Barony College) ready to be purchased before you leave.



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If you would like to submit an article or letter for publication, give a presentation at a future symposium or workshop please contact Annemaskell@gmail.com.

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BWRC Symposium 2014

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Please indicate the number of each type of ticket you wish to purchase:

Saturday only

Saturday conference only (includes registration, morning, buffet lunch and afternoon refreshments) – full price £35/students and regular contributors £30	
Saturday conference plus evening dinner – full price £55/ students and regular contributors £50	

Combined/Sunday day tickets

Saturday and Sunday ticket – full price £45/students and regular contributors £40	
Saturday and Sunday plus Saturday dinner – full price £65/students and regular contributors £60	
Sunday only day ticket – full price £10.00/students and regular contributors £7	

If you are purchasing tickets on behalf of other colleagues please give their names and ticket type below so that we may prepare a delegate list & name badges.

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